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## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION**

The Lieutenant Governor is active in the coordination of local volunteer drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs. He is a vocal proponent of community-based volunteer programs which harness constructive peer pressure and community involvement to prevent substance abuse with a minimum of governmental intervention. He is the Chairman of the Board of *Sports Teams Organized for Prevention of Substance Abuse, Inc.* STOP Substance Abuse is a not-for-profit corporation which combines the attention-getting capabilities of Chicago professional athletes with the expertise of trained service providers to assist schools and communities in establishing their own prevention programs. Lieutenant Governor Ryan is also the Chairman of the National Lieutenant Governors' Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention.

## **CITIZEN ADVOCATE / LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE**

Although every public official is a citizens' advocate, the Lieutenant Governor's Office serves as a clearinghouse for government-related information. Now citizens of any age can call toll-free, 1-800-252-6584, to get problems solved and questions answered. The answer may not always be what the caller wanted to hear, but the response will be prompt and easily understood. The Lieutenant Governor also meets with local government officials as he travels around the state. His office has responded to local officials' calls for better communication between local governments and state government.



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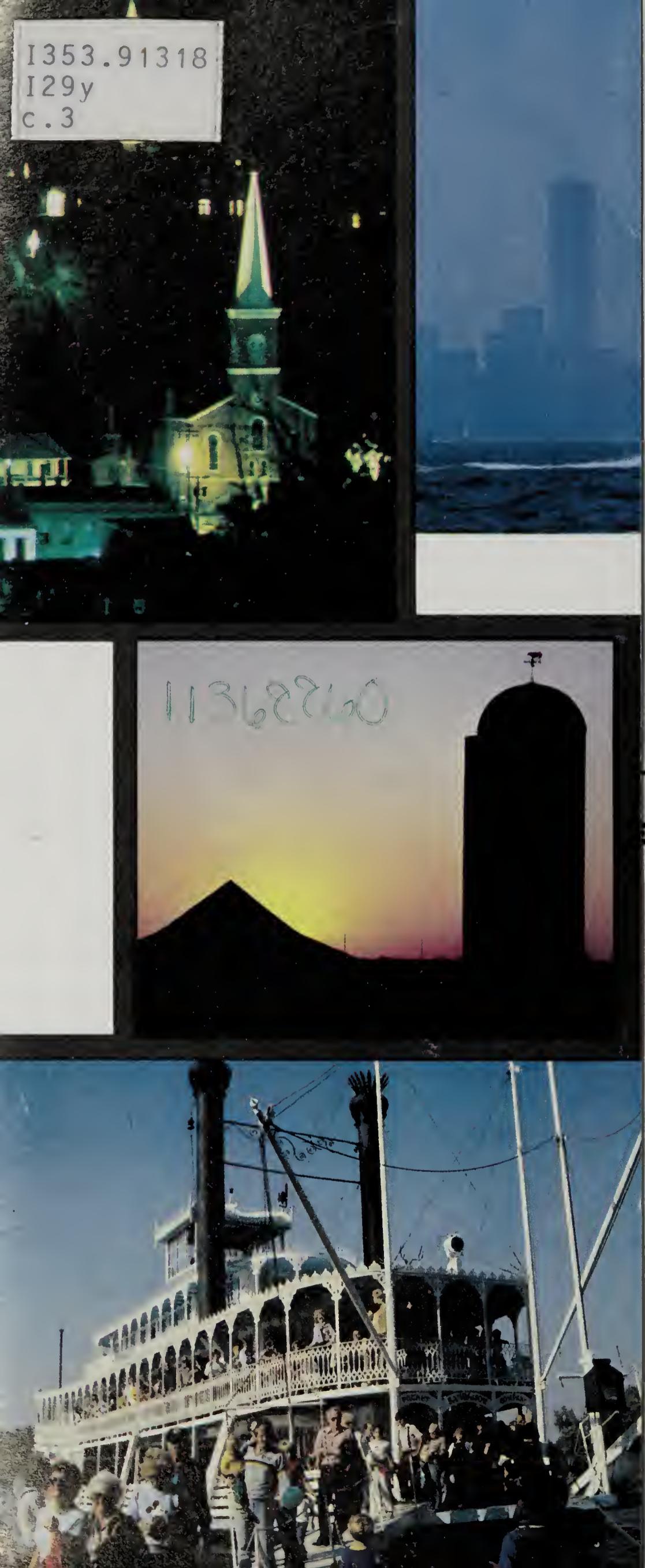
Several new duties give the Lieutenant Governor direct involvement with the economic development of Illinois. He serves as Chairman of the Governor's Small Business Advisory Commission which, after holding a two-day Illinois Conference on Small Business in May of 1984, drafted "The Small Business Agenda: An Action Plan for Illinois Growth and Vitality." Lieutenant Governor Ryan will continue to act as an advocate for small business as the Conference recommendations are considered in the government arena.

The Lieutenant Governor is the Chairman of the Illinois Export Council and

the Illinois Export Development Authority. The Council and the Authority will provide much needed expertise and financing which will enable small and medium-sized businesses to expand into foreign markets and create more jobs back home. The Lieutenant Governor has headed Illinois trade delegations abroad and has hosted foreign trade missions visiting Illinois.

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## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Lieutenant Governor's Office has served for years as an advocacy and information/referral center for older citizens. Lieutenant Governor Ryan has expanded the services of the two Senior Action Centers he administers to include an outreach program to senior citizen clubs and the publication of several helpful guides and manuals. The most popular service is the toll-free hotline number for use by constituents with problems or questions about government. Citizens over the age of 60 are encouraged to call 1-800-252-6565 for answers. The Lieutenant Governor also serves as the Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee on Aging which coordinates service delivery among state departments and agencies. He also coordinates the activities of the Senior Legislative Forum, an advisory group which makes recommendations on programs and services of interest to senior citizens.

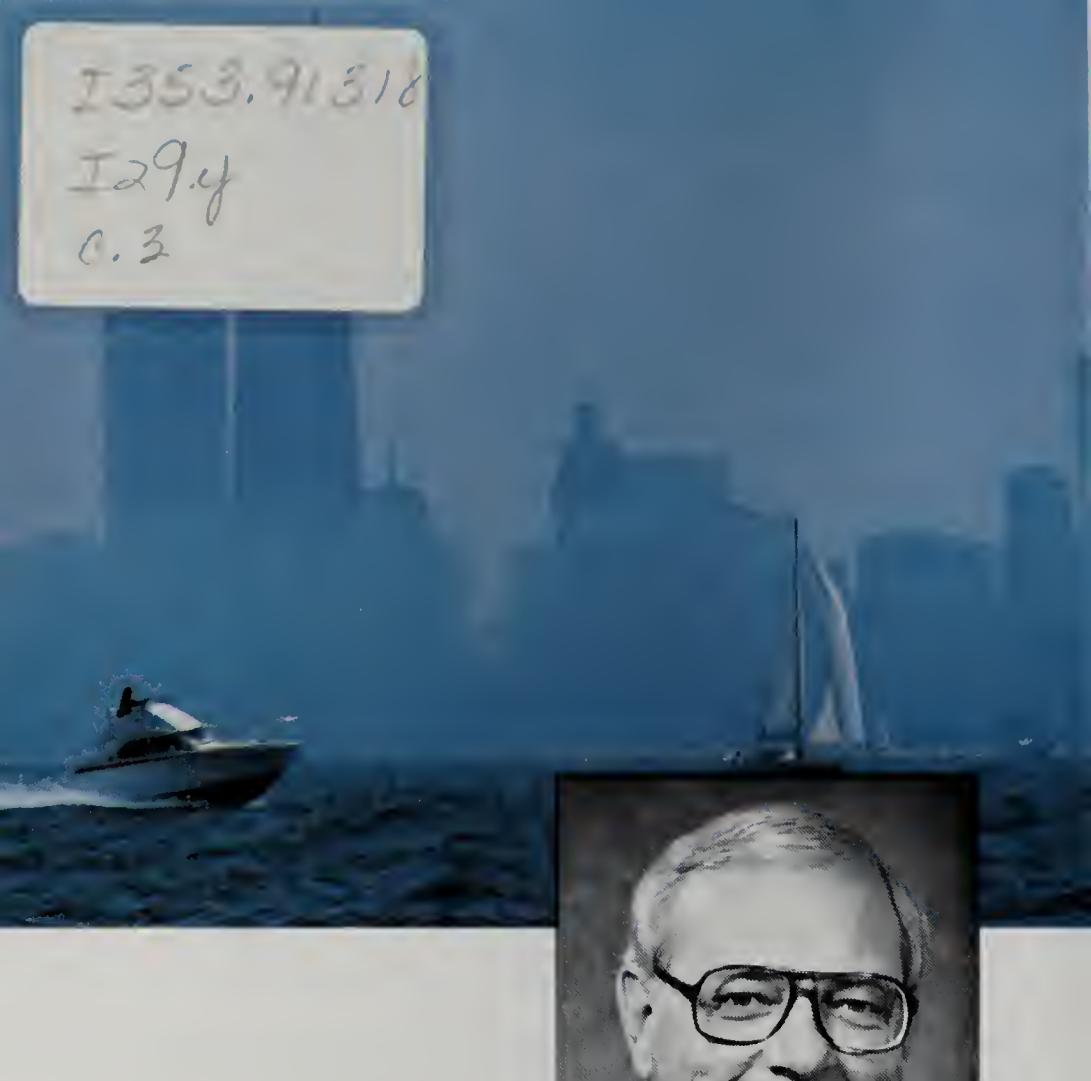
## **ABANDONED MINED LANDS RECLAMATION**

As Chairman of the Illinois Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation Council, the Lieutenant Governor administers a federally-funded program designed to clean up hazardous sites in Illinois. He acts as the Council's chief spokesman in Washington, D.C. and lobbies for appropriate levels of funding and workable rules and regulations. Although dozens of abandoned mine sites have been reclaimed into land that is again useful, more work must be done to clean up hundreds of sites that continue to pose threats to the environment and the health and safety of the citizens of Illinois.

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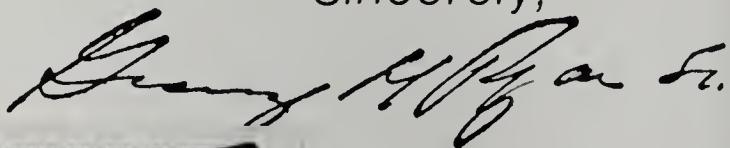


Dear Friends,

I've had the pleasure to travel to all parts of this state we call home. You've shown me firsthand that Illinois and its people have a lot to offer each other. From the bustling activity behind the Chicago skyline to a sunset on the prairie—Illinois is truly a place where opposites come together.

As Lt. Governor, I encourage you to learn more about your State and its government. My office is here to help Illinois citizens make their government work for them. I'm committed to working with you for a better Illinois. Join me!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George H. Ryan Lt. Governor".

George H. Ryan  
Lt. Governor



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